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EAST VINCENT TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

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Garrit had other farms that he in his will willed to Son in law's of his, but these 1000 acres he willed cheafly to his Sons, as his Sons came to manhood he placed them on certain tracts, for his oldes son he erected the tavern on the Ridge road and put him their, his house that he had erected is from that on the Pottsgrove road, Benjamin his oldest son, for him he erected this to keep tavern in and did so, has of late been Wm. Whitby's, Served a tour in the revolution, the widdow he left was murdered and robbet one knight 10 years since, they murderer never discovered. This tract, the before mentioned 1000 acres, are now devited and contain 13 farms with the necessary buildings, 21 lots with buildings thereon of from 5 to 30 acres, the church lot and graveyard and the new meeting house lot and the cheafest part of owned by grand and greatgrand children. I consider it wast time to give a description of all these places and persons residing and had from time to time part of the above described property is in Covantry and part in East Vincent. Garrit has no grave Stone to See when he died or when born, but the date of his will is 1757 say he been 60 years old when deceased and 23 years old when came to live here and alow him to died in 1759 will be on 90 years that he Settled here. Now i proseed down the Ridge road—their are several farms that been owned by the old Millers and old Ackers they been considered to had been the first Settlers thereon likewise the old Sniders place, now i will proseed up Schilkill road and River—widdow Francis place i scipt in my cours here was g. Washingtons'

first nights loging when he left the Springs. Peter Defracine the first Settler, after him the Millers place, for many years old Nicholas Snider's. Zions church stands near to the line of is considered to been the first Settler of late the property of James Wells deceased—one Heavener built the first mill on Stony Run and is Supposed to been the first Settler on that place for many years ortlips mills for many years george Rok was the first Settler on old Jacob Finkbins place now Michal Towers and John Ash the later a Son in law, John Roads his father its supposed to have been the first Settler thereon now Dr. F. W. Hechels the meeting house that has allways whent by the name of Rohd's is meeting house this meeting house was built 1750 the old germans nearly all in the neighborhood church and meeting folks burried on this graveyard Adam Miller that died on John Shuler's place was burried here before the revolution Henry Heffilfinger the father of old Jacob of which is made mention before, was Burried here 1790 his place was adjoining this place of the late James Ralston's place son of the late Judge Ralston old John Wagner old Lauranc Hippel in the year 1785 old John & Heny Rohds Nicholas Miller and other old members all rest here. The place of the late James Wells adjoining Zions church lot and for many years owned by Nicholas Snider was first Settled by Martin Shoenholz who had erected a grist mill on but nothing of the buildings visible as part of the rubish and dam, Stephen Hailman's deceased's place now in the owners hands of george, Henry and Magdalena three of Stephen's children (this place the ridge road runs through and along the Schulkill road and part of Zion's church lot of it) this place was first Settled by Adam Stone in 1742 he got his Lease for the Same, of Michal Lightfoot attorney of Richard Pike, Stone conveyed to Philip Mance in 1748 his Son Christofel Mance became the owner after the decease of his father and after his decease Stephen Hailman married the widdow and became the owner on this place Stands the first built house but uninhabited and the armys

had to pass here to Reading and to cross Schulkill and the time g. Washington brought the Sick that the Spring hospital did not contain over to these two churches the St. Zion and the church generelally called on the hill in Vincent, hill church; The train of the bear over the Sick was one mile long and g. Washington ahead george yeager the first Settler on the late Henry Miller's place george been the great grandfather of John yeager now on his fathers place the monument at the foot of the hill, of this more hereafter when i come to treat on churches and g. Washington move from the Springs, Daniel East's place now formarly and for many years John Hoffman's was cut out of Orney's and Haliman's places, old Bassler of which mention was made before the time the army quartered one knight on the Ridge, hid his money in an hollow apple tree, Peter Rohds the first owner of, Peter was the father of John Roads now Dr. F. Wm. Heckels was the first owner, here is the Mennonist Meeting house erected in 1750 of which is made mention above, E. and T. Shunk both names in a large Stone in the grave yard wall owned a large tract of land here one of them was . . . . Shimer owned and was the first Settler next to this last mentioned John Hobbs (the grandfather of the present governor of this State) place now, Peter Miller the first Settler of Dr. Brinhurst now Francis Ladshaw from the place of the late James Wells untill here, are not taken in rotation i chumped back and fored, now to Schulkill from the Pikland line and along the river to Springfield formarly Laurance Hippel's place him been the first Settler thereon, was Abraham Turners place him been the first Settler thereon of which Springville is at the uper end, of which you will find a Sketch of, drawn by James Rogers the present owner of the biges part of the place formarly A. Turners it being conveyed to A. Turner by the West New Jersy Society in the year 1695 A. Turner conveyed to Henry Pennebaecker and his son Cornilius and he conveyed to his father his Share and bought a place above the Springs now Keeley's, C. after had

improved this place sold and moved to Cannada Sometime in the last war Henry Pannebacker Sold to Pawlings and James Rogers purchased of; (at this above mentioned St. Zion's church a prospect for the eye over a grate part of Montgomry and Berks Counties and rail road would be worth the expence of a Sketch being taken of) James Rogers and Frederick yost are the two princibal propriatories of this Springville at the place there where the Bridge now crosses Schulkill whent in former times by the Name of Hippel's foord him been the first Settler on but Since the year 1800 or 1801 Benjamin and David Royer, after the decease of Hippel, purchased the place and Some years after their decease Frederick yost purchas the greatest part of Royers a copple years before yost within eight years when but one house been here, then an entire wilderniss what now represents Springville. They are two Enterprizing gentlemen J. Rogers the lower part here he has a Store lumber and Cole yard a foundary Lyceum F. yost a Store Cole lumber and lime yard a large Store house and Merchand mill in the corner of the Abutment of the Bridge this is a Tole bridge built 6 or 8 years by the two Counties and individual Subscription the writer had requested Yost and Rogers to Sent me the Number of inhabitants of the village but had not done So, F. yost related an incident of his grandfather and mother as he Says Use to been tould of by his pairants as follows when or before his grandfather came to this country he had a son that he called Conrad and when he had been grown up left home and come to America and Settled himself about the forris this side Reading took up a large tract of land and prospert, his father never having heard of him and expecting him to be death got more children and named an other one Conrad and that Conrad when had a family came with to this country and when arrived at Philadelphia the first Conrad hapening to be there heard of a Ship having arrived with passengers whent on boad of ship as he wanted a hand to work and paid the passage for a man and family and took

them home and in a conversation they after had and been both of the Same name and the last came in had his parents heart talk of a Son they had once and him having Some certain Scar or mark on him and this mark was the cause of coming to know that they were two brothers, That all the Yosts in Amarica had their origin from that family; The next place above Springville, is Philip Crater's now, formerly the property of the above mentioned Laurance Hippel next place up Schulkill is Michal Towers and John Ash's now formarly Jacon Finkhine's place george Rok had been the first Settler and owner John Ash a Son in law of J. Finkbine after the decease of J. F. the place was devited into two places next place on Schulkill Road is the Kolbs properties which were first Settled by a one Shimer next come Lawrance Ville named after Captain Lawrance after Job Fodge came to be the owner Since old James Brookes decease; here was a large tract of land taken up and Settled by Anthony Tunes and him conveying to others afterwards his first grant is as follows; Whereas the honourable propriotary by his letter pattant Bearing date 14 day of June 1736 did grant and confirm unto Anthony Tunes & & of this tract he Sold to N. Kiser 223 acres and the Island 5 acres April 8the 1737 Nicholas Keiser erected builtings and a grist mill as he was a Milright by trade, in 1776 Nicholas Keiser the son of the former Sold to Edward Parker 168 acres and one half of the iland with the mill John Wilson a Son in law of Parker became the owner of the mill and Some of the land after the decease of Parker and a Short time Since Sold the mills with four acres of land to his Son in law Peter Hallowbush, Wilson a millright by trade erected a Sawmill near the crist mill.

This mill Stands in the bank of Schulkill at the mouth of Pition creek and probeled by the same stream, the line of vincent and East Covantry Townships run between the mansion and mills into the River the most part of the houses are in Covantry Athony Tunes had taken up all the lands up to Brauers and Reinhard's Edward Parker had rebuilt the

mill in 1766 and afterwards he erected a Sawmill near at where now the butment of the Stone arch Bridge accross the creek, and between the canal Job Tody owner of a large tract with the Tavern the Tavern house was built and other builtings in 1766 and owned for considerable of years by James Brooks and sons this place consists of 9 dwelling houses in Vincent and 11 on the Covantry Side accross the bridge the name of the head mason that done all the work along here then was Joseph Conrad and this same Conrad done the the work at Zions Church but John Cunius the Carpenter of said church 2 mile down this road about the year 1799 Jacob Shantz bought here the property after the decease of the former owner Peter Longecker and a great part of the last, N. Keiser there is a Siminary and a new freebabtist meeting house here Susanna Parker the mother of Miss Wilson now 86 of age recolects that when a girl 150 Indians came to their house and that they had Said that they were going to the american army at valley forge The greates part of this part about this place i derived of Mr. John Wilson and Lady from here i called on Mathew Davis Esqr. East Covantry and he related as follows; My father came to this country with Wm. Penn and Settled in Limrick Township Montgomry County the Brookes and the Davises came about the Same time the Davises from Wales and the Brookses from England; and members of the Quaker Society at that time John Brooks was the first Settler at the Swamp road two miles above that is now called Stetlers Tavern, there he built a Stone house that whent by the name of the Stone house till within a few years and called Shaeffers Tavern now and when he first settled thier he had to go to Vandeerns mill now Robisons mill at Wiscohicon to mill this when he first Settled himself being in the wilderniss and winter time 25 mile from Said mill he had 2 horsies and Started in the dead of winder to git flower left his wife and chield at home She run out of provition and the Indians provited for her but when he came to the mill there was no flower nor grain then he had to drash grain first before he

culd git flower this capt him considerable time longer than his wife expected him to Stay In the mean time a Snow fell between three an two feet deep She gitting uneasy of him being killed in Some way She took her chield and Started to find out what became of him She whent on till to Perkyoman creek hill She then Saw him on Skikack hill with his horsies coming loated with flower; Minco creek took its name of an indian that lived at the mouth of that creek, Mathew Davis became to live here in 1808 is now 72 years old there were 4 traveling indians came to his house at one time the all had bows and arrows gave them their dinner then took them out to Shoot for cents till he had 25 of them in a Short time about a 12 months after met them in the road and all knew me and been much pleased to See me My grand mother had her wedding dinner at garrit Brumback's Tavern and would be now 125 years of age if alive her fathers name was Dehaven built the house at the Trapp that Devise now owns and She carried the victuals to the masons and working folkes an aunt of mine Margarot Davis I heard her Say that when She whent to Philadelphia she to pick huckleberries where the City now Stands and on her road home could count 20 deer-harts in one flock and when i first came here there was no house from Shantzes tavern along the road to grubbs one mile and now are 11 houses all the houses and builtings from the tavern to grubbs were built in my time, i am to Say here by Mathew Davis to State that he had been employd by the presend owner of Bords borough in 1800 Bords then Spent a few weeks with Brooks and at this I heard him relate this circumstance, I been well acquainted with Mark Bords formarly of Bords borrow he tould me that when he was a young man that then it was difficult to git a pit of cole wood on chestnut hill on account of being Sot on fire to keep the timber down I have David Evans heard tell my father That he could Stand on the hill opposed John Heisters and See a deer run along Ridge road by Brumback's tavern and nothing in the way but underbush the timber that is now has all be grown up Since

Hiesters rocks been formerly called turkey point on account of so many Turkies roosting their on near the rock were Some revolutionary Soldiers buirried on the place of John Hiesters these being men that fel sick when the army crossed at Parkers foard afterwards called Brooker foard and Some died in Longeckers barn and burried in Brauers woods, The first burried person on Brauers grave yard here was John grumbacher he died 1744 was 37 years of age, A man by the name of Sprogal took up a large tract of land in Montgomry county called hanover township a mile or two below Pottsgrove and built a Small Schooner at the mouth of what is called Sprogals run now in Posession of Wm. Brooks he then took the Schooner down to Philadelphia and whent back to england about the year 1790 Some time after Some of the heirs came in and made their clame to that tract of land but did not Succeed of giting any recompence, about the year 1793 I been out at Wheeling below Pittsburg on the ohio, their been Several horsies taken out of that neighborhood and the word given out that there were horsies missing and that Indians had been Seen in the neighborhood and in the morning there from six to eight gathering and voluntered to find the trail and i whent along for one we crossed the river and whent Some distance but Seen no indians and returned It was soon found out that one of the horse thieves was with us There were Some of the gang about wheeling and Some of them in old Virginia and would take a horse from about Wheeling and meeting one of the gang from Virginia with a Stolen horse and they then would exchange horsies and return back each one, Now if we had Seen or met with an indian, the thief that was with us would to been the first that would to Shot, here i make mention that it may be Seen how the indians have often been treated end of Esqr's information (to be likely to be continued at some further time page 33-9 line) Now i proseed to Brauers graveyard to coppy off of the grave Stones as follows, this is a prived grave yard no meeting house attached to, general John Hiester born 1746 died 1812 age 76 years,

Edward Parker 1788 age 69 years. Jacob Shantz died 1823 born 1748 age 75 years. Abraham Brauer died 1805 age 60. David grubb died 1809 born 1749 aged 59. Conrad grubb died 1809 born 1737 age 81 years. Peter Maurer died 1833 born 1761 age 72. David Zublin died 1803 Age 57 years. David Mundshauer died 1833 born 1769 age 64 years. Martin gunsenhauser died 1822 age 51 years.

Now Reinhards factories, Uley Reinhard the grant and great grant father of the present Reinhards Uhley R. when came from germany he remained about the neighborhood of germantown when but one house Stood their then came to Coventry and took up a large tract of land on both Sides of Pitchen creek and erected builtings first a hous which is at this time in good repair george a grand Son of Uhley had previous erected his first house about the Schulkill road and lived there when he erected this, occupies the Same for kitchen purpose i whent on purpose to view it and took thies Notes down in it, its 18 by 25 feet two Stories high the lower Story of Stone the Second of hewn logs there are extensive Stone ends attachet to at each gable end close at the one Side of the brest of the dam on the Side on the west side are the crist and Saw mill and at the head of this are the buildings belonging to and the woollen factory of which all with F. Sheeder, the writer of this and Kimberton (Frederick Langenhime of your City has taken Sketchis of Some) 3 or 4 years Since that he been here, been Several builtings erected here on this place of mine, you will find on page 33-26th line an anecdote, his office in the Exchange Custom house thirth Street, where you can obtain a coppy of, george and his family could not give me any information as to how long that builting Stood as the builtings on each cable end exced this centril and no date on it can be discovered but they Judged it to be between 80 and 90 or perhaps 100 years It was John the Son of uhley that erected the mill with the assistance of his father & Saw-mill a Son of John Daniel erected the woollen factory about the 1810 he however died in the year 1816 and Samuel the younges

Son of John is the present owner and occupant an older brother had the grist and Sawmill and some of the land he however Sold out and moved back george Hoffman purchased of him but died within a year George Reinhard is the owner of the old mansion and part of the place They been of the german baptist persuation their meeting house this Side that used to been the Swan tavern till of late george and Samuel took with the Battle ant, All these places when first taken up run from Schulkill up towards the Ridge to the line of gerrit Brumback, 1000 acres that he took up and Settled, This track is part in Covantry and part in Vincent about 1 mile up from the Tavern of Brumbach's is the Church called Brumback's of the german reformed persuation; the first log church built here about 1750 or 5, the writer of this been in the same in the winder of 1793 and 4 was of hewn logs one and a half Story with gallery broken roof two 4 light windows at each gable end and two of the Same Sise in the roof at each side these been for to light the gallery and pulpit the lower Story had 12 light windows the grave yard then but Small and fanced close at the church with pail and the rest with posten fance The Rev. Minicus was the first preacher after him the Rev. J. Philip Leydick and in 1784 the Rev. Frederick Daelliker (Dalliker) In 1800 this present Ediffice been erected outsid the grave yard to enlargen the Same, and J. Longecker gave the Congregation more ground and they Surrounted all in one graveyard and the church yard impailed after this new church was built and at the consecration The Rev. Frederick Harman came to officiate till 1821 The Rev. John C. guldin Son in law of the former the later of late years, done not to the Satisfaction to all or exhilaration to all of which more when comming to treat of the hill church below, after guldin, their been Several preaching but of Short duration the last one the Rev. Folk, but left; There is a Schoolhouse here and School kept I have coppied Some names of the grave Stones as follows John young born 1744 died 1780 age 37 george young son of the former and father and grandfather to the John young at Covantry living yet born

1773 died 1821 Nicholas Keller born 1759 died 1822 age 69 years. Philip Miller born 1750 died 1809 age 59 years. Frederick Priser born 1768 died 1823 age 55 years William Shuler born 1773 died 1835 age 62 years Henry Hoock born 1760 died 1835 age 69 years Henry Brumback a Son of garrit born 1733 died 1804 Age 71 years he was born in this country 113 years ago Jacob Mason born 1712 died 1776 age 64 years Frederick Bingeman the Son of F. Bingeman of the Son in law of garrit Brumback that is made mention of in the description of the places born 1756 died 1832 age 75 years Peter Kline born 1755 died 1824 age 68 years Theadore Miller born 1758 died 1838 age 80 years Peter Fertig born 1765 died 1842 age 75 years Sebastian Root a member of Zion church born 1761 died 1843 age 82 years he been born near Pottsgrove John Fertig born 1736 died 1833 age 94 years came to america 1754 Jacob Fertig born 1778 died 1823 age 45 years John Hiester son of general Hiester born 1774 died 1822 age 43 years Henry Titlow born 1719 died 1793 age 74 years John Titlow born 1757 died 1827 age 68 years a son of the former Henry Brumback born 1791 died 1829 age 36 years Sebastian Kelly born 1734 died 1777 age 43 years Peter Brumback was an officer in the Westren expedition born 1764 died 1834 age 69 garrit been his grandfather Wm. Posey a son in law of garrit Brumback born 1759 age 62 Peter Paul born 1742 died 1802 age 60 years Christian Benner died 1767 the oldest and the first enterred here have no grave Stones. This church Stands at the, or near the line of Covantry Township and in Vincent Township. Sebastian Root above mentioned of his father Sebastian Root came to this country and picked berries on the ground where the first marked house in the City Pha. afterwards was erected and Settled himself afterwards in the neighborhood of Pottsgrove now, then he was a young man with no family. And now I will proseed to the erection of St. Peters church in Pikeland within 2 miles of the Yellow Springs called So then but of late Chester Springs, in the year 1771 £125:05 was Subscribed by 89

persons to proseed to the erecting of this church The Emnys, King, Deerys and Hartmans been by this time the leading members or Charaiters in the Congregation worshipping at St. Peters. This congregation hath Separated from the Vincent Congregation. This Church was built and constructed on the same as the one I have already gave a discription of in all manner and Shape Pikeland was then generally called Pikestown. The offisiating preacher at this and before this church and others been built The Rev. Henry Muehlenberg Sinior his own hand writting in the archive of this Congregation on the 10 day of November tuesday 1772 in the evening after the concecration of this church wrote thuse Heinrich Muehlenberg Sinior; Ludvig Voigt been then the officsiating preacher Henry Muehlenberg was requested by Ludvig Voigt to officsiate at the concecration of this church he brought his lady and the Sweedish pastor of Wicacoce of Philadelphia in company Voigt requested the Rev. Muehlenberg to deliver the first Sermon and did So his Text genes: 23. 20-22 and at the close of the forenoon Servis he published that in the afternoon a cermon in English should be delivered which to a great drong of persons The Sweedish pastor he did (on the 8the Said month Sunday Servis began and lasted three days and in the evening of the thirth day the Rev. gentleman wrote as above Stated) and his Text Ephes. 6.10 and next day monday morning the Rev. Muehlenberg a cermon in german Text. Ephes: 6. 10. and afternoon the Sweedish pastor in the english Text. Lev. 24. 29. To which proseedings in detail he Subscribed his Name and the intire is his hand writing on December 21th. 1772 an Election for Trusties wardens and elders and consistory jusen of the following persons four Trustees Jacob Danfeltzer Adam Mosis Michal Koenig and Conrad Sellner 4 decons Henry Knerr george Emrick Zacharias Rice and Peter Hartman. Three wardens Valtine (Foos-Fus) Baltasar Ludwig and Said persons been in Stated March 14th 1773 by the Rev. Henry Muehlenberg Junior who Injoined their duties on them, which proseedings both

father and Son entereth at lenth into the archive of Said St. Peters church. I shall now proseed to give the Names of the oldest members burried on this burying place as taken from the tomb or grave Stones John Hartman died 1775 the father of Peter who was the father Major in the Revolution the father of george who was formarly Sheriff of this County who was the father of the present george who is generally called general Hartman, he when with him has promissed me to bring me his grandfathers Jornal which he had kept when out in servis in the Revolution with a grat many anedotes and songs but has not as yet performed according to his promise. Peter Hartman born 1740 died 1810 age 70 years a revolutionar Vallantine Orner born 1743 died 1818 age 75 Conrad Miller died 1774. Vallantine Fuss born 1744 died 1815 age 71 years. Conrad Selner born 1722 died 1777 age 55 years george Emrick born 1730 did 1800 age 71 his wife died 1822 age 90 years who been the parents of the present generation of Emerys as they write their name now; Now i Shall proseed to Zions Church in connexion with St. Peters. The original archive of this Congrigation church is in Some way or manner got lost The german Lutherans and Reformed Calvinists in these parts of the county obtained this lot of ground consisting of about 10 acres of ground jointly a house had then been thereon to meet in, each Sosiety had their officiate The Rev. Henry Muehlenberg Sin. of whom is made mention above residing in Philadelphia then was the Lutheran preacher and likely Sinicus of whom i have made mention above the prespeteran preacher till about the year 1770 when from time to time Consultations been on the Subject of erecting a new house of worship The members could not agree on a Site to Suit them all the members that after erected St. Peters wished to have it nearer french creek or rather on their Side but the vincent members did not give way and retained their place and Satisfied the others for their Shares, the members of the Zions church and Reformed Calvanists and St. Peters afterwards, and each making preparation to erect new building

to Suit their purpose the Pikelanders erected about the one as alrady discribed in all respects to that, all of wood the vincenters erected the present Stone Structur of red Sand stone the front fronting on the Schulkill road about two mile of the french creek Bridge is half a mile from the general Pike were this road and Branson road forks. The front of this Edifice is of hewn Stone in Sight of the reading railroad below and nearly opposed Springville here at this church the eye has a prospect over a great part of Montgomry and Berks Countys now i will encert the most of the names cut in full in the Stones over the front door Rev. L. Focht but he himself wrote his Name Voight he living then in ——— only performing Servis alternately here. C. Shoener, H. Herpel, J. Essig, R. Essig, Peter Miller, Shuman Henry Christman 1774 now follow the names i copied off of the Slabs and Tomb Stones at this place close to the front gable end door Ludwig Voight was born in Mansfield germany 1731 and intered 1800 age 69 year and 13 days it was comjucted that there where not less than three Thousand persons at this funeral John Hause 1835 age 73 his father John is Burried at Rohdes grave yard, Benjamin Roger died 1823 age 54 Andrew ortlip died 1819 Jacob Finkbine born 1754 died 1822 age 68 Nicholas Snider born 1741 died 1822 age 78 Henry Haus son of John died 1825 age 56 Peter Miller son of Peter Miller died 1825 age 42 he been the organist Peter Miller Sin born 1734 died 1803 age 69 John Maurer born 1746 died 1800 age 73 John Shuman born 1767 died 1822 age 54 Henry Miller Son of Peter born 1773 died 1838 age 65 Clements Rentgen born 1754 died 1833 David Royer died 1832 age 60 Henry Maurer born 1739 died 1800 age 60, this is the father of the writer of this Henry Sheeder born 1745 died 1807 age 62 Jacob Hailman born 1780 died 1811 age 31 Stephen or Stevanus Hailman the father born 1744 died 1821 age 77 Henry Christman born 1744 died 1823 age 79 george Emrick born 1745 died 1820 age 66 Zacharias Ziegler born 1713 died 1800 age 87 John Baker born 1762 died 1833 age 70 John Miller

born 1762 died 1825 age 63 Abraham Knerr died 1836 age 65 Mathias Wartman born 17— died 1801 age 57, Jacob Mayer born 1749 died 1824 aged 75 John Walter born 1733 died 1818 age 79 Wm. Walter son born 1744 died 1818 age 52—Harleman was a vestry member in Voigt's time Zions Church Stands in Pikeland the line joins the vincent line, this edifice was commenced in 1771 untill 1774 and was taken up as a hospital the time general Washington lay at the Springs with the one on the hill and the train one mile long with the Sick its no use of relating when this was it will be familar to every reader that it was after the retreat of the Battle of Brandiwine. This church was consecrated by the name of Zion and the Congregation Stiled in the Charter The protistand german Lutheran Congregation worshiping in the church of Zion the Vincent congergation. This and the St. Peter congergation jointly purchased a place for their minister to reside among their midst and in the year 1787 purchased for a parsonage of John Hause 50 acres a mile above Zion's church for the Sum of £215 : : 05 : 00 which was paid by the Elders and wardens of both Congregations namly Peter Miller John Walter Peter Shuman on the Side of Zion and george Emry Chacarias Rice and Danfelzer of St. Peters there are no records at hand of the purchase money and the erection of Zion but must to been considerable Towards the erection of St. Peters was subscribet in the year 1771 £125 : 3 : 3. by 89 persons the Emmericks Deerey and Hardmans been till then the leading members of the Congration of St, Peters till of late years The Christman, Haus, and Millers of the Vincent Congregation till of late and of this one place of worship at Zion there been till within 2 years 6 Churchis erected. Ludwig Voigt had been the recular preacher from Sometime before Zion and St. Peters been erected untill his decease Muehlenberg the first of all, St. Peters as had been built of logs and not So dureable and too small as the members increased They rebuilt one of Stone jointly with the Reformed protestand with an organ in; In the year 1808 and

in the year 1835 one knight was sat afire and burned down It then Stood in the grave yard it was immediately rebuilt outside and below the graveyard. After the decease of Ludwig Voigt Rev. Rebenack made but a Short Stay and was discharged on account of his Lady in 1805 did not git to live on the parsonage that was rented on account as the Pikland Congregation had taken Henry gaisenhimer of whom the vincent Congregation had a dislike A Short time after the Rev. Frederick Isinsky became the acceptable and beloved and united preacher at both churchis Zion and St. Peter untill his decease, had beforehand requested that if he Should die here That they Should Bury him at St. Peters now he rests their he posesed the parsonage during life and in his time been new Stone house and barn erected by the Congregations on the parsonage he allways performed his duty as a preacher in great arnest, in his last Sermon he observed Some as i thought not quite attandive he made a clap with the balm of his hand requesting them to listen for as he said, it was likely the last time he was Speaking to his hearers and in fact it was he was confined but a Short time and after his decease the Rev. Frederick gaisenhiners became the regular preachers of the two Congregations untill the Sinior was called to New york and the Junior remained untill he was called theire likewise Then the Rev. Jacob Wampole became the recular preacher and posesed liek his predecessors the parsonage untill his health became impaired, had other Churches to attent to and his constitution weakly caused him to leve thes 2 Congregations In the time of the gaisenhiners English preaching in the afternoon in both churchis was atmitted and continuse So After Wampole left in the Spring of 1836 the Rev. Frederick Ruthrauff became the ordinary preacher of both Congregations and had possession of the parsonage but in the year 1842 a disagreeableness in the Vincent Vestry or Consistory and was forbidden to preach in Zion and was ordered to leve the parsonage he accordingly done so moved into the Neighborhood of Lyonville retained St. Peters and Lyon-

ville congregation and St. Matthews on the Canostoco pike a New church a mile above that at formerly Ludwigs Tavern and in the year 1843 left after he had caused a dimmemberment of that Congregation The orthodox Seporated and erected an other new edifice close by above the graveyard after Suit had comenced; why I say orthodox every proseedings from the beginning of Vincent and St. Peters Congregations to them the paronage belonged jointly to both and house and barn jointly erected for the purpose of germen preaching and all expenses bore jointly from the begining till here when Rughrauff caused a Split of this St. Peters Congregation St. Peters has no more germen preaching Since Rughraiff left and his party got the parsonage Sold the orthodox purchased the same, Rev. W. Cron is their preacher since Rughrauff left and no more germen preached the orthodox retain the germen the Vincent Congregation Rev. Joseph Miller Served, from the Trapp, till the Rev. W. Weldon got to be the regular precher at Zion and St. Paul, germen in the forenoon, and english in the afternoon W. Weldon the present Pastor purchased the parsonage of the tow Congregations of all which Rughrauff was the cause If he had never came here all would remain as tofor and this contemptuousness would not to had taken place, this was built two or three years before the disturbans took place. This church was erected jointly by the Lutherand and prespeterans, The one about one mile at the pike at Ludwick's called St. Andrew, Episcopalian's information of Wm. Rogers late Sheriff of this County, The members that erected the first meeting house of what is called quaker meetinghouse, now and Since the new erected at Kimberton is used as a Schoolroom half mile from Kimberton have been the family of Starrs at Starrs foard now PhoenixVille and Joseph Rogers the grantfather of the informant Settled at french creek of which I have made mention alrady Joseph with his father settled there when Joseph was but two years old and They been the first white family that Settled among the red children of the forrest

and there Several wigwams in the bank where now the barn Stands which is now 126 years 1845 —— James a brother of Joseph a pirty Stout fellow use to fight and rassel with the indian boys on this place was the first pottery erected in thise parts, and the Second one on Paul Benners place that became afterwards my first place in 1800 and where that pottery Stood i put the first house I had built Now i proseed to the Church on the hill between a half mile and one mile above Zions church of which I here and their made Som mention of, first Related to me by Henry Hoffman leader of the choir in both these churchis for 42 or 43 years and of good memory he relates as follows in relation of this church on the hill in the first built on the old church here are the names of the ministers that preached in Rev. Leidy Rev. Bumb Rev. Dallacker Rev. Harman in his time the new was built John guldin and J. R. Hooken the present one, then he Said The oldest that are buirried here on this grave yard are Philip Andrew Thomas Snider Caspar Snider Philip Rapp and all the old Labachs old Yost Smith Michal Taney the family of the old Hecks and the Rev. F. S. Harmon was the preacher at Brumbacks church since built in 1800 before him been the Rev. Leidey Rev. N. Bumb and Rev. Frederick Dellacker then he gave information of a good many of the first Settlers and proseeds on and Says, in the year 1750 was Rohdes Meeting house built and 1795 was Laurance Hippel Buirried their old Wagner was buirried and old Adam Miller also before the Revolution Now i proseed of what I coppied off, of the Tomb Stones in this grave yard as follows Nicholaus gearhard born 1740 died 1820 age 85 years John Shott born 1755 died 1813 age 62 Martin Shoenhalz died 1807 age 71 Thomas Snider born 1716 died 1782 age 66 Caspar Snider, Brigate inspector the son of the first, born 1762 died 1823 Peter Defrahn born 1733 died 1782 age 49 Michal Saiffer born 1724 died 1802 age 78 John Labach born 1728 died 1808 age 80 John Labach son born 1766 died 1823 age 57 John Hoffman born 1745 died 1815 age 70 John Otwine

born 1734 died 1791 age 57 Harman Burbauer born 1747 died 1801 age 60 John yeager born 1758 died 1830 age 72 george yeager father of the former born 1718 died 1790 age 72 Peter yeager born 1765 died 1811 age 46. Peter Shunck uncle of the govuner born 1756 died 1814 age 58 Henry Hippel born 1759 died 1843 age 84 the father is buirried at Rohdes meetinghous george Kirsh born 1755 died 1837 age 82 Caspar Snider born 1724 died 1821 age 79 Benjamin Boyer died 1780 born 1727 age 53 years the first one buirried here on this grave yard Barnhard Rapp son of of the above born 1761 died 1824 age 63 Frederick Rapp brother born 1766, died 1833 age 67 John Rapp brother born 1773 died 1838 age 65 Jacob Rapp a brother born 1774 died 1838 age 63 Benjamin Rapp brother born 1776 died 1823 age 47 Conrad Shearer born 1767 died 1834 age 67 John March born 1735 died 1806 age 71. There are 400 corps entered in this yard

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